

John Randolph to Andrew Jackson, October 18, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JOHN RANDOLPH TO JACKSON.

Baltimore, October 18, 1831.

My dear Sir , On my arrival here last Evening, the Post-Master, Mr. Skinner, waited on me with your letter. Accept my best thanks for your kind indulgence. I am equally sensible to the obliging and friendly manner in which you are pleased to express yourself towards me. I would go on to Washington, notwithstanding your permission to the contrary, if I were not a mass of disease and misery, disgusting to myself and, no doubt, loathsome to others. I shall endeavour to proceed on to Florida in the course of the next month, or the month after.

May I trouble you for information on the following heads, which (as your time is too precious to be unnecessarily consumed) you may cause to be transmitted thro' the Department of State.

1. At what time did my relation to my own government cease to exist?
2. Am I entitled to the expenses of my voyage home including my servants and freight of luggage?

Any balance which may be due me I would be glad to receive by letter of credit on our Bankers in London, as I have occasion for funds in Europe.

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Before my appointment Mr Van Buren was kind enough to furnish me with the English Newspapers, as also Mr Branch. May I ask a continuance of this favour? The papers shall be (as they have been) faithfully returned. My address for some time to come will be *"Richmond Virginia"*.

I write this in bed. I am, Dear Sir, most faithfully your's

P. S. I have great fears for the Chief Justice. He was not doing well the day before yesterday (Sunday)¹

¹ Chief Justice Marshall did not die until 1835.